

We claim:

1           1. A method for producing peptide salts, which comprises  
2           reacting an acid addition salt of a basic starting peptide in the presence of a  
3           diluent in a mixed bed ion exchanger, with a mixture of an acid and a basic  
4           ion exchanger during the formation of a free basic peptide, and then  
5           separating the ion exchanger and then the free basic peptide, with an  
6           inorganic or organic acid , and then forming the desired acid addition salt of  
the peptide, and removing the diluent.

2           2. The method of claim 1, wherein said basic satarting peptide  
is a salt of Cetrorelix, Teverelix, Abarelix, Ganirelix, Azaline B, Antide, A-  
75998, Detirelix, Ramorelix, RS-68439.

1           3. The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is embonuc acid,  
2           stearic acid, or salicylic acid.

1           4. The method of claim 1, wherein said basic starting peptide is  
2           Cetrorelix, and said acid is embonic acid, and the peptide : acid molar ratio  
3           is 2:1.

1                   5. The method of claim 1, wherein said diluent is removed by  
2                   freeze drying.

1                   6. A peptide salt when made by the process of claim 1.

1                   7. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the peptide  
2                   salt of claim 6, together with at least one pharmaceutical adjuvant, or carrier.

1                   8. The process of claim 1, further comprising adding a  
2                   pharmaceutical adjuvant or carrier partly or totally before the removal of the  
3                   diluent.

1                   9. A process of treating a mammal with the peptide salt of  
2                   claim 6, which comprises parenterally administering to the mammal a drug  
3                   containing said peptide salt as active ingredient.